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DURING HALF HOUR MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY PRESIDENT SUKARNO OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY EXPRESSING A DESIRE FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF INDONESIA BY THE U.S. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE WERE PROBABLY MORE UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHETIC THAN PRESIDENT SUKARNO REALIZED. SUKARNO SAID WE COULD BEST DEMONSTRATE OUR UNDERSTANDING BY SUPPORTING INDONESIA ON WEST NEW GUINEA. HE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF INDONESIA REALIZE AMERICANS ARE THEIR FRIENDS BUT CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE INDONESIAN CLAIM. THE PRESIDENT POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD THE FULL SUPPORT OF MOSCOW AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ON THIS ISSUE. THE SECRETARY REMINDED THE PRESIDENT THAT WE DID NOT SUPPORT EITHER SIDE IN THE WEST NEW GUINEA DISPUTE, AND THAT WE WANTED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BOTH INDONESIA AND THE NETHERLANDS.

PRESIDENT SUKARNO ASKED THE SECRETARY TO CONVEY HIS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND VICE PRESIDENT NIXON WHO HE RECALLED HAD BEEN HIS GUEST IN INDONESIA.

SUKARNO THEN REFERRED TO AN ITEM IN THE NEWSPAPER TO THE EFFECT THAT KASAVUBU HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE INDONESIAN TROOPS SENT TO THE CONGO. THE SECRETARY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT KASAVUBU HAD MADE SUCH A DECLARATION SOME DAYS AGO BUT HAD SUBSEQUENTLY REVERSED HIMSELF.

THE SECRETARY REFERRED TO THE FIVE POWER RESOLUTION ON A /POSSIBLE

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POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND KHRUSHCHEV AND SAID THAT AN AMENDMENT WOULD BE OFFERED TO THE RESOLUTION MAKING IT MORE GENERAL IN NATURE. PRESIDENT SUKARNO ASKED IF THIS WOULD BE OUR ANSWER TO THE RESOLUTION AND THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT IT WOULD REPRESENT OUR POSITION ON THE QUESTION. THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE PRESIDENT TO ENGAGE IN ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH KHRUSHCHEV WHICH WOULD COMMIT A NEW ADMINISTRATION AND POINTED OUT THAT A NEW PRESIDENT WOULD BE ELECTED IN FIVE WEEKS. THE SECRETARY ADDED THAT HE HAD HOPED HE MIGHT HEAR FROM GROMYKO BUT THAT HE HAD NOT.

PRESIDENT SUKARNO INVITED THE SECRETARY TO BE HIS GUEST IN INDONESIA EITHER WHILE HE WAS SECRETARY OR AFTER HIS RETIREMENT. THE SECRETARY SAID HE APPRECIATED THE INVITATION BUT WAS AFRAID SUCH A TRIP WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM.

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